South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTING MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT PROVISIONS AND OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



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WE'RE DONE!

(Well...almost)

Actions Completed to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

- 1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A
 - Specified ACLs and AMs for red snapper
 - Established a rebuilding plan
 - Implemented effective 12/3/10



2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B

- Specified ACLs and AMs for all snapper grouper species undergoing overfishing (eight species)
- Implemented effective 1/31/11
- 3) Mackerel Amendment 18
 - Joint plan with the Gulf Council Gulf lead Council
 - Specified ACLs and AMs for species in the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP
 - Implemented effective 12/29/11

Actions Completed to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

- 4) Spiny Lobster Amendment 10
 - Joint plan with the Gulf Council SA lead Council
 - Specified ACLs and AMs for spiny lobster
 - Implemented effective 1/3/12
- 5) Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2
 - Specified an ACL of 0 for the octocoral fishery
 - Shortened the management unit for octocorals to include only in the FMU off of NC, SC, and GA
 - Allowed FL to solely manage the fishery in FL state waters (where octoorals primarily occur) and the EEZ off FL
 - Regulations to be implemented effective 1/20/12

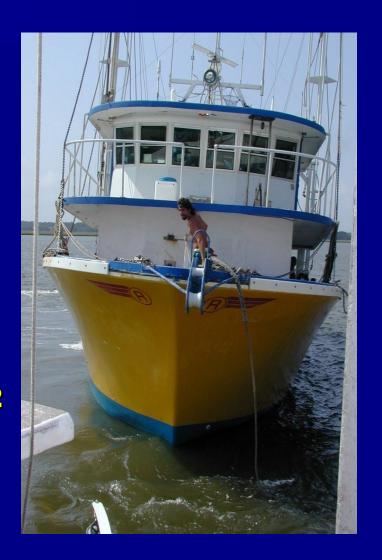
Actions Completed to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

- 6) Comprehensive ACL Amendment
 - Specified ABC control rules, ACLs and AMs for species not undergoing overfishing (49 species)
 - Proposed rule published 12/1/11
 - Wreckfish ABC was lowered by SSC
 - Amended proposed rule published 12/30/11
 - Approved by Secretary on 1/18/12
- 7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 (Red Grouper)
 - Implemented a rebuilding plan for red grouper
 - Specified MSY and OY
 - Established ACLs and AMs for both the recreational and commercial sectors
 - Proposed rule and NOA sent to NOAA GC 1/10/12

Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

Wreckfish Fishery (Amendment 20A)

- Defines and reverts inactive wreckfish shares
- Redistributes reverted shares to remaining shareholders
- Establishes a share cap
- * Establishes an appeals process
- Proposed rule published 1/12/12



Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

Wreckfish Fishery (Amendment 20B)

Currently under development and will address:

- Transfer eligibility requirements
- Cap on annual pounds
- Change in annual pound allocations when there is a change in ACL/TAC
- Use it or lose it policy for ITQ ownership
- Cost recovery
- Loan program to buy ITQs
- Approved landing sites
- Royalties
- New entrants program
- Incidental catch provisions
- VMS requirement

Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

Golden Crab (Amendment 6)

- Addresses eligibility criteria for a golden crab catch share program
 - including: initial apportionment; criteria and structure of an appeals process; criteria for transferability; quota share ownership caps; use it or lose it policy; cost recovery plan; boat length limit rules; restrictions on where permitted vessels can fish; criteria for permit stacking; monitoring and enforcement, criteria for new entrants program; and approved landing sites
- Council will consider approving for Secretarial review at the March 2012 meeting

Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3

Actions being considered:

- Expand the Oculina and Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
- Establish new Marine Protected Areas
- Prohibit powerheads
- Designate HAPCs for speckled hind and Warsaw grouper
- Develop a recreational tagging program for deep-water species
- Increase the minimum size limit for hogfish to 18" FL
- Change the size limit for gray triggerfish to 14" TL and bag limit to 5 per person per day
- Add African pompano to the appropriate FMU
- Modify permits and data reporting requirements

Shrimp Amendment 9

Modifies the protocol for states to request concurrent closure of the EEZ during severe winter weather to expedite the process

Revises the minimum stock size threshold (MSST)

proxy for pink shrimp



Spiny Lobster Amendment 11

 Limits spiny lobster fishing in certain areas in Federal waters off the Florida Keys to protect threatened staghorn and Elkhorn corals



 Requires gear markings for spiny lobster trap lines in the Federal waters off Florida



Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B (Golden Tilefish)

- Develop and establish a program to limit participation in the golden tilefish fishery, including initial eligibility requirements for hook and line and longline endorsements; an appeals process; allocations among gear groups; transferability criteria; adjustments to the fishing year; modify the trip limit; trip limits for fishermen who receive and those that do not receive hook and line endorsements
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QUESTIONS

